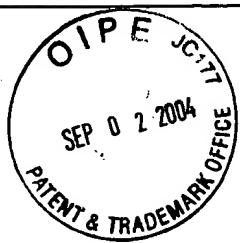


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Filed: December 6, 1999
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Applicants: Bradford J. DUFT *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 18528.230

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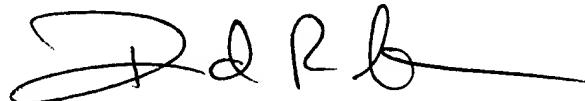
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2. an executed copy of the Notice Under 37 CFR 1.251 - Pending Application (Form PTO-2053-B);
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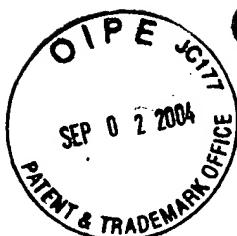
In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 18528.230. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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DATE	DESCRIPTION
6/2/2004	Notice Under 37 CFR 1.251 - Pending Application
6/1/2004	Content Information for 09/445517
4/5/2004	Request for Correction of Published Patent Application
UNDATED	Notice of Publication
10/30/2003	Notice of New or Revised Projected Publication Date
10/30/2003	Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney; Notice Regarding Change of Power of Attorney; Communication from the Examiner in Charge of Application - Holding of Abandonment dated January 8, 2003 has been withdrawn. Copy or original response filed January 24, 2003, has been made of record in the file. The application has been returned to pending status.
2/26/2003	Transmittal Letter; Revocation of Prior Power of Attorney; Appointment of New Attorneys of Record and Change of Correspondence Address
3/12/2003	Withdrawal of Abandonment
1/21/2003	Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment with copies of Response previously filed on December 5, 2002.

1/8/2003	Notice of Abandonment
12/5/2002	Transmittal Letter; Fee Transmittal for FY 2003 (PTO/SB/17); Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time; Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 with Attachments; Response
6/25/2002	Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; (2 References)
6/5/2002	Non-Final Office Action with Copies of (20) Cited References (excluding U.S. Patents and references previously cited)
4/10/2002	Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; (8 References)
12/28/2001	Statement Establishing Small Entity Status
10/22/2001	Transmittal Letter; Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time; Supplemental Response to Office Action; Copy of Response to Office Action filed August 20, 2001; Declaration of Andrew A. Young with Attachments
8/20/2001	Transmittal Letter; Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time; Response to Office Action
6/4/2001	Transmittal Letter; Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449 (5 pages); Copies of the (62) Cited References (excluding U.S. Patents and references previously cited).
5/23/2001	Revocation and Grant of Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence
4/20/2001	Non-Final Office Action with Copies of Cited References (8 References)
4/10/2001	Revocation and Grant of Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence, including Appendix A
3/29/2001	Corrected Filing Receipt
3/13/2001	Revocation and Grant of Power of Attorney; Change of Correspondence Address and Attorney Docket Number
2/5/2001	Continued Prosecution Application Transmittal form; Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time
12/12/2000	Transmittal Letter; Revocation and Grant of Power of Attorney with Attached Appendix A; Change of Correspondence Address and Attorney Docket Number with Attached Appendix A
8/4/2000	Non-Final Office Action with Copies of (7) Cited References (excluding U.S. patents and previously cited references. NOTE: A copy of "Exp. Opin. Ther. Patents 4(11): 1383-1384 (1994)" is not available in Applicants' record.)
4/12/2000	Official Filing Receipt
3/24/2000	Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495
12/6/1999	Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371; Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet; Executed Assignment; Executed Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application; Specification (52 pages)

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